Vocational education for tackling unemployment

4172. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vocational training has assumed greater importance to tackle problem of unemployment;

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn any policy for maximizing vocational courses in secondary schools and colleges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In pursuance of National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, and Programme of Action, 1992, Government of India launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level in February, 1988. The Scheme aims to provide diversification of educational opportunities to enhance self-employability and to reduce the gap between demand and supply of skilled manpower and to provide an alternative for those pursuing higher education.

Increase in posts of judges

†4173. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of increasing the sanctioned posts of judges in the High Courts of the States;

(b) the names of the High Courts where newly created posts have been sanctioned on these grounds during last three years along with number thereof;

(c) the reasons for not increasing the sanctioned posts in the Chhattisgarh High Court; and

(d) the details of the number of pending cases in the Chhattisgarh High Court during the last three years?

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